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Status

- 1) Responsive to communication(s) filed on 26 July 2007.
- 2a) This action is FINAL. 2b) This action is non-final.
- 3) Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) Claim(s) 38 and 78-96 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) 78-96 is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) Claim(s) 38 is/are allowed.
- 6) Claim(s) _____ is/are rejected.
- 7) Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.
- 8) Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) The drawing(s) filed on _____ is/are: a) accepted or b) objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) All b) Some * c) None of:
 1. Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 2. Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
 3. Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

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Applicants: Zur Megede, J., et al.

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Detailed Office Action

Status of the Claims

Acknowledgement is hereby made of receipt and entry of the communication filed 26 July, 2007. Claims 38 and 78-96 are pending in the instant application. Claims 78-96 stand withdrawn from further consideration by the examiner, pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.142(b), as being drawn to a non-elected invention.

Claim Objections

The previous objection to claim 38 is withdrawn in response to applicants' amendment.

37 C.F.R. § 1.57(d)

The previous objection to the disclosure is withdrawn in response to applicants' amendment.

Allowable Subject Matter

Claim 38 appears to be free of the prior art of record and is allowable. The restriction requirement previously set forth has been reconsidered in view of the allowability of claims to the elected invention pursuant to M.P.E.P. § 821.04(a). However, claims 78-96 remain withdrawn from further consideration because they do not include all the limitations of an allowable generic linking claim as required by 37 C.F.R. § 1.141.

Ex parte Quayle

This application is in condition for allowance except for the following formal matters: non-elected claims 78-96 are still pending. Prosecution on the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213. A

shortened statutory period for reply to this action is set to expire **TWO MONTHS** from the mailing date of this letter.

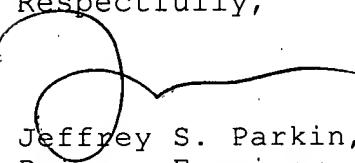
Correspondence

Any inquiry concerning this communication should be directed to Jeffrey S. Parkin, Ph.D., whose telephone number is (571) 272-0908. The examiner can normally be reached Monday through Thursday from 10:30 AM to 9:00 PM. A message may be left on the examiner's voice mail service. If attempts to reach the examiner are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, James C. Housel, can be reached at (571) 272-0902. Direct general status inquiries to the Technology Center 1600 receptionist at (571) 272-1600. Informal communications may be submitted to the Examiner's RightFAX account at (571) 273-0908.

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Respectfully,


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15 October, 2007